Oswald - Atsugi

Dear Jim, 4/15/88

With the enclosed CIA letter I received today about an inch of assorted junk, interesting to me in how the CIA manages to say nothing while pretending to be collecting and distributing information as well as what it did not do. Most of this crap is duplicated or provided in even more duplicates, some disclosed long ago, one set stamped "carded," etc. It is mostly paraphrases or condensations of press accounts, mostly the WxPost and the N.O. papers, to which meaningless and some times deceptive comments are added. They comment on a few FBI records, etc., but the comments are self-serving and exceptionally brief. If you and Bud want copies you are welcome. They are on legal-sized paper, although the one record and one incomplete record I also enclose I copied on letter-sized paper.

The CIA ststes they are responding to my 1977 request and they apologize for the delay because they have so many requests! 11 years it took, and they don't say that they claim compliance is complete. And as I say, there is nothing new that I can spot, except possible what I enclose. Some, by the way, have no document numbers. and the date stamps are illegible.

The Garrison investigation memo, where I've omitted all but the single page after the first, #16, supposedly addresses Oswald at the Atsugi air base, where the CIA had U2 planes. They pretend that Oswald had no connection by a lie and a misrepresentation. The lie is that he was there merely and exclusively for training. He was a base radar operator, on the secret stuff, and they knew it. Thus that the marine training area was removed from the U2 area is a deliberate deception because Oswald was not there for training. Whether or not the marines had access is entirely irrelevant to Oswald's knowledge of the U2, qhich he handled by radar.

Their standards are no higher for the President, the full memo to him anclosed. With regard to Nosenko, and this is clearly dated 1968, they say they are still trying to determine his bona fides. The fact is that that question was resolved two years earlier, and at the direct order of the signer, CIA Director Helms. He had for two years at the time of this memo been on the CIA's payroll. It was merely another of their tricks, this time to keep Nosenko away from the press and the Congress, which they had already accomplished with the Commission.

If you want these records, they'll be with the other CIA records here.

Best,

Harold